

I believe it is a serious danger to the public interest when a corporation such as Sinclair Broadcasting can use its ownership of stations all over the country to force an anti-Kerry (or anti-anybody) documentary just days before an election. It is bad enough to use advertising for smear campaigns, but to have access to the public airways free of charge, as Sinclair does, and then to pre-empt local programming in order to air a one-sided point of view about a candidate's activities 40 years ago under the guise of "news" is to grossly mis-use the public trust.

This kind of problem could be avoided by stricter rules for media ownership and by better oversight. The public needs an opportunity to see current and substantive news about issues that matter in local communities, not "canned" programs that promote only the views of the corporate ownership. The license renewal process should require more of these people than a returned postcard. Thank you.